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## INDIANA MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR TRANSPORTING A MINOR FROM HYDE PARK, NEW YORK, TO INDIANA FOR SEX

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that United States District Judge CATHY SEIBEL sentenced FOSTER CREAGER, 41, to 12 years' imprisonment yesterday for his transportation of a minor from Hyde Park, New York, to Angola, Indiana for purposes of engaging in illegal sex.

According to documents filed in this case: On September 10, 2009, a 15-year-old girl from Hyde Park, New York, (the "Victim") was discovered missing. Hyde Park Police and the New York State Police discovered that the Victim had been corresponding via e-mail with an individual using the name "Kenneth Bone." The subscriber of the cellular phone used by "Kenneth Bone" was "Foster Creager" with an address in Angola, Indiana.

Subsequently, the Victim was found in a trailer and recreational vehicle park in Angola, Indiana, with CREAGER. On September 11, 2009, the Victim was examined at a hospital, and a rape examination was performed. Forensic results revealed that the specimens recovered from the Victim contained DNA that matched DNA from CREAGER.

CREAGER pleaded guilty on February 4, 2010. At his guilty plea proceeding, CREAGER admitted that he and his mother, JUDY DELONG, drove from Indiana to Hyde Park, New York, picked up the victim, and drove back to Indiana. CREAGER admitted that he knew the Victim was 15 years old and that he picked her up in New York with the intent to have sexual intercourse with her.

On July 8, 2010, JUDY DELONG pleaded guilty to misprison of a felony in White Plains federal court. Among other things, DELONG admitted that she knew that CREAGER intended to engage in sexual activity with the underage Victim and that she provided her

motor home in Indiana for CREAGER and the Victim to use and conceal themselves. On November 2, 1010, Judge SEIBEL sentenced Delong to a 16-month term of imprisonment.

In imposing the 12-year term of imprisonment, Judge SEIBEL underscored the seriousness of the offense, the vulnerability of the Victim, and the need to protect the public from CREAGER. Judge SEIBEL also imposed a 10-year term of supervised release. Judge SEIBEL stated that both the public and Creager would benefit from a lengthy period of close supervision.

Mr. BHARARA praised the efforts and assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Hyde Park Police Department, the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and the Steuben County Sheriff's Office in Angola, Indiana.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorney MARCIA S. COHEN is in charge of the prosecution.

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